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" Nine state attorneys general argued Friday that Microsoft must offer a stripped down version of its Windows operating system and make its leading Office software compatible with competing operating systems. In a 40-page document, the states propose several new penalties in an attempt to punish Microsoft for breaking antitrust law. The federal government and several other states have already settled with Microsoft under more lenient terms. The states that haven't settled also argue for tougher enforcement provisions, including a court-appointed "special master" to oversee Microsoft's compliance.."

I fully support the states in the above! Microsoft has demonstrated an arrogance that is beyond belief, and proven in the past that it will not abide by even watered down terms like those the Justice Department appears ready to accept. Microsoft is not an innovator! Their biggest products, such as Microsoft Office, are simply rip off's of ideas that other companies pioneered! You have done the American public a grave injustice by letting this arrogance giant off the hook!

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